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SUBJ: SEMINAR ON POTENTIAL USE OF SPACE SATELLITES FOR MEDICAL
EDUCATION IN VENEZUELA.

SUMMARY: FOUR VISITING U.S. SPECIALISTS CONDUCTED A SEMINAR
MARCH 17 AND 18 IN CARACAS ON SATELLITE USE IN POST-GRADUATE
MEDICAL EDUCATION IN VENEZUELA. THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR
WAS TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES OF EXTENDING PROGRAMS ALREADY IN
USE IN THE U.S. TO VENEZUELA VIA SATELLITE AND TO PRODUCE
SATELLITE PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR VENEZUELA.

1. A POST-INITIATED SEMINAR ON THE POTENTIAL USE OF THE SPACE
VEHICLE, COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE (CTS) IN THE
FIELDS OF POST GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND THERAPY
WAS HELD AT THE TRINIDAD MEDICAL TEACHING CENTER IN CARACAS ON
MARCH 17-18, 1977. THE SEMINAR, CO-HOSTED BY THE VENEZUELAN
FOUNDATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UROLOGY AND THE U.S. EMBASSY,
FEATURED FOUR VISITING SPECIALISTS: ROGER D. HAMSTRA, ASSO-
CIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO MEDICAL
CENTER AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT;
MR. GRAYSON GIBBS, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS, COMMUNICATIONS
BY DESIGN, INC.; MR. ROBERT SHAMASKIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE U.S.
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION'S LEARNING RESOURCES SERVICE; AND MR. GREG
NICHOLS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC SERVICE SATEL-
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LITE CONSORTIUM.

2. VENEZUELAN PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VENE-
ZUELAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION, THE VENEZUELAN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE,
MILITARY HEALTH SERVICE, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, THE MINISTRY
OF HEALTH, AND VARIOUS MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS.

3. THE SEMINAR GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES, AN OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ESPECIALLY OF COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SATELLITES USED FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION, A DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SATELLITE OPERATION IN TRANSMISSIONS OF EDUCATIONAL TV PROGRAMMING; EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SATELLITE SERIES FOR PHYSICIANS, MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS, A DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING VETERANS ADMINISTRATION'S SERIES ON POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL STUDIES, DISCUSSION ON SATELLITE LINKS, EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, AND VARIETIES AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO VENEZUELA.

4. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST ON THE PART OF VENEZUELANS AND APPRECIATION FOR U.S. WILLINGNESS TO SHARE THE EXISTING EXPERIMENTS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS BASED ON THE VA'S EXPERIMENT, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE ALREADY BEING EXPENDED TO IMPLEMENT THE VA CONCEPTS, AND VENEZUELA CAN BENEFIT IMMEDIATELY FROM THEM.

5. THE PARTICIPATING MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS ARE CONSIDERING RECEIVING WEEKLY TELECASTS VIA SATELLITE IN MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY WHICH THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. A NUMBER OF PROPOSED OPTIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF SPANISH LANGUAGE AND LOCAL ORIGINATIONS ARE ALSO BEING EXAMINED. SOME ARE COST FREE, OTHERS BEGIN WITH A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AND RANGE TO MORE COSTLY WEEKLY PROGRAMS TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF VENEZUELA.

6. THE SEMINAR AROUSED THE INTEREST OF THE VENEZUELAN MEDICAL PROFESSION. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE HIGH
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QUALITY EXPERTISE OF THE FOUR VISITORS, THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION'S READINESS TO SHARE ITS EXPERIENCE- AND PROGRAMS-FREE OF DEVELOPMENT COST, THE NASA'S WILLINGNESS TO GRANT TIME ON THE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE, ALSO FREE OF COST, AND BY THE FACT THAT VENEZUELA IS THE FIRST AND SO FAR THE ONLY COUNTRY CHOSEN TO DISCUSS TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE VARIOUS POSSIBLE USES OF CTS IN MEDICINE.

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